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Dear student and parent/carers

Ryde Academy has now received the OFSTED report from the inspection on the 24th and 25th April, which is available to read on their website: www.ofsted.gov.uk. Paper copies of the report are also available in our main reception.

We apologise for the delay in informing you of the outcome of the inspection, but the publication date has been delayed due to major issues arising from the manner in which the original inspection was carried out. The Academies Enterprise Trust (AET), on behalf of the Academy, made a formal complaint to Ofsted and as a result, a number of significant changes have been made to their original findings.

Following receipt of the report just before the half term break, the Governing Body has made further representations to Ofsted and have requested their continued inquiry into the complaint made by AET in respect of the process and subsequent judgements made. We have particular concerns over statements in the report relating to the Ofsted inspectors' observations on behaviour and safety of students.

We do recognise however that we must continue to move forward and use the inspection outcomes to enable an improving school to continue to raise its standards. Ofsted have concluded that we still require significant improvement as in their judgement the school has 'serious weaknesses.'

We are pleased that the report highlights the following areas of strengths since the opening of the Academy:

- Improved examination results for students
- Improved attendance and punctuality for all students
- Improved teaching particularly in English and Maths
- Improved Post 16 provision
- Leaders including the Governing Body demonstrate the capacity to bring about improvement

The post OFSTED action plan will focus on how to implement rapid change and improvement to secure good judgements on our journey to achieve an outstanding provision of education for our students, parents and the community we serve.

We are arranging an evening for parents to come into the Academy for us to present the findings of the report and the ways in which we will be moving forward. This evening will be arranged within the next two weeks.

Rob Hoddle
Principal

Lesley Holmes
Chair of Governors

